

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Claims 1-46 (Cancelled)

47. (New) A communication processor for controlling an outbound communication, comprising:

    a memory that stores outbound communication rule information for a rule that is configurable by a subscriber to a service with which the outbound communication is originated, that governs processing for the outbound communication, and that includes a condition and an action to be taken for the outbound communication when the condition is satisfied; and

    a sender that sends, in response to receiving a network device message from a network device which receives the outbound communication and sends the network device message to the communication processor when the condition is satisfied, a communication processor message including the action to be taken for controlling the outbound communication.

48. (New) The communication processor of claim 47, wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable over the internet.

49. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,  
wherein the service is a telecommunications service, and  
wherein the subscriber is a subscriber to the telecommunications service.

50. (New) The communications processor of claim 47,  
wherein the action relates to forwarding the outbound communication.

51. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,  
wherein the action relates to requiring submission of a personal identification  
(PIN) number.

52. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,  
wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable for a  
subscriber using a web browser.

53. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,  
wherein the action relates to disallowing the outbound communication.

54. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,  
wherein the action relates to routing the outbound communication via a carrier  
associated with a dial-around code.

55. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,  
wherein the outbound communication rule information comprises a plurality of  
actions.

56. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,  
wherein the outbound communication rule information comprises a plurality of  
conditions.

57. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,  
wherein the outbound communication rule information comprises a plurality of  
rules.

58. (New) A method for controlling an outbound communication, comprising:  
storing outbound communication rule information for a rule that is configurable  
by a subscriber responsible to a service with which the outbound communication is  
originated, that governs processing for the outbound communication, and that includes a  
condition and an action to be taken for the outbound communication when the condition  
is satisfied; and

sending, in response to receiving a network device message from a network  
device which receives the outbound communication and sends the network device  
message to the communication processor when the condition is satisfied, a  
communication processor message including the action to be taken for controlling the  
outbound communication.

59. (New) The method of claim 58,  
wherein the network device initiates an action in response to receiving the  
communication processor message.

60. (New) The method of claim 58, further comprising:  
determining whether at least a portion of a dialed number satisfies a condition of  
the outbound communication rule information.

61. (New) The method of claim 60,  
wherein the network device forwards the outbound communication to a number  
other than the dialed number based on the action of the outbound communication rule  
information.

62. (New) The method of claim 58,  
wherein the action relates to blocking the outbound communication when the  
outbound communication is to a destination indicated by the condition.

63. (New) The method of claim 58,  
wherein a page is sent to a paging device based on the action of the outbound  
communication rule information.

64. (New) The method of claim 58,  
wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable by the subscriber via a service management system.

65. (New) The method of claim 58,  
wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable by the subscriber via a web server.

66. (New) The method of claim 65,  
wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable via the web server by the subscriber using a web client.

67. (New) The method of claim 58,  
wherein the network device initiates a plurality of actions to be taken based on the action.

68. (New) The method of claim 58, further comprising:  
determining whether outbound communication information in the communication processor message satisfies a plurality of conditions.

69. (New) The method of claim 58, further comprising:  
determining whether outbound communication information in the communication processor message satisfies conditions of a plurality of rules.